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KASPIYSK CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 219, 16 Sep 49

Kaspiysk, the youngest city in Dagestan ASSR, is celebrating its second birthday. Not long ago this area was a barren, salt-marsh steppe. Now the city's streets are lined with homes, poplars, acacias, and maples. The school gardens are the largest in the republic.

The city is building and growing. The construction of 70 three-story apartment buildings is completed, and before the end of the year, an additional 2,000 square meters of living space will be ready for the city's residents. At present, Raspiysk has a club, a hall which seats 800 people, a movie theater; a library, three primary and secondary schools, an industrial technical school, kindergartens, nursery schools, a hospital, and a sanatorium.

SHEEKIAN CITY CROWIEG -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 213, 9 Sep 49

The Siberian city of Chulym, incorporated as a city in August 1947, has been growing steadily during the past 2 years. It is located at the point where the Tomek Railroad ends and the Omsk Railroad begins. Most of the work in Chulym centers around the railroad. The city receives freight (coal, bread, fruit, ore, and machines) from both lines and sends it on. It also has about 50 enterprises of local and cooperative industries.

Public works activities keep the inhabitants of Chulym occupied. In winter, railroad workers and their families have to clean the city's streets and paths after snowfalls. Not long ago, they constructed the Itkul'skiy Canal, as a result of which 10,000 hectares of the swampland surrounding Chulym were dried up and provided room for expansion. This area is now being used for the construction of homes, streets, and a new school.

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